course of time. It has also been proposed to rationalise the passenger fares for proper tariff rebalancing by modifying the taper in the fare structure to remove the existing anomalies and making other marginal changes in respect of minimum fares and rationalising the relativity of fares of various classes.

Impiementation of the recommendations of the Report will be on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee of senior officers of Railway Board.

Lady thrown out of Railway Compartment

2173. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that young lady of 22 years was thrown out of railway compartment recently near Bhoke station on Ratnagiri-Madgaon route;

(b) whether it is also a fact that she was lying on railway track for five hours, without any cognizance of railway authorities;

(c) if so, what action the railway authorities have taken in this case; and

(d) whether the Railway Protection Force personnel were not there in the compartment and on that particular railway station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. But a lady passenger aged 22 years was reported to have fallen down from train No. 103 Dn. Mandovi Express on 1.2.2002 near Bhoke Station.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The information about the incident was only received by the Assistant Station Master of Bhoke Station at 16.04 hrs. He immediately informed the Station Master of Ratnagiri and the Gramin Police Station, Ratnagiri. Two Police Constable who were deployed for guarding the Karbude Tunnel were rushed to the spot. They, at about 17.30 hrs., reported that the lady was alive and requested for an ambulance. The Konkan Railway Authorities immediately sent a vehicle to the spot. The lady was removed from the spot at 18.50 hrs. and admitted to the Civil Hospital, Ratnagiri at 19.30 hrs.

(d) No RPF personnel was either in the compartment or at the Railway Station.